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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. CARTER FOREIGN POLICY: PORTUGUESE PRESS CONTINUED
SPECULATION ABOUT FUTURE CARTER FOREIGN POLICY. HIGHLIGHTS,
COMMENTARIES, FOLLOW:

A. "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" NOVEMBER 26 CARRIED FRONT PAGE
STORY PREDICTING CARTER VISIT TO NATO SUMMIT IN LONDON MAY,
1977. "EVEN THOUGH CARTER HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE DOES NOT
PLAN TO TRAVEL DURING HIS FIRST YEAR OF OFFICE," ARTICLE
STATED THAT NATO OFFICIALS EXPECT HIM TO ATTEND FOR TWO
REASONS: 1) TO CLARIFY HIS FOREIGN POLICY AND 2) TO
DEMONSTRATE TO THE SOVIETS HIS SUPPORT FOR HIS WESTERN
EUROPEAN FRIENDS.

B. "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" NOVEMBER 26 ALSO CARRIED ARTICLE
EXPLAINING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
AND CONGRESS IN DETERMINING FOREIGN POLICY. "THE FACT
THAT CARTER HAS A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS DOES NOT MEAN AN
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END OF FOREIGN POLICY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CONGRESS AND THE

PRESIDENT."

C. "O TEMPO" NOVEMBER 26 SPECULATED ABOUT EFFECTS IN PORTUGAL OF THE CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION. ARTICLE STATED THAT THE CARTER PRESIDENCY COULD MEAN A SETBACK IN FUTURE LOANS TO PORTUGAL, SINCE THE PRINCIPAL ADVOCATE OF THESE LOANS AND THE SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT, AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI, MIGHT BE REPLACED. ARTICLE ALSO AFFIRMED THAT THE PORTUGUESE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY WOULD GAIN THE MOST FROM A CARTER PRESIDENCY.

2. NATO: THE FIRST OF THE ARTICLES WRITTEN BY PORTUGUESE JOURNALISTS ON USIS-SPONSORED TRIP TO USNATO BRUSSELS APPEARED IN NOVEMBER 26 EDITION OF "O TEMPO", ARTICLE, BY JOAO ROSA, CONCLUDED THAT "NATO, ALTHOUGH A WAR ORGANIZATION, IS, HOWEVER, THE PRINCIPLE GUARANTOR OF THE IMPROBABILITY OF THE DETONATION OF A GENERALIZED CONFLICT OR A THIRD WORLD WAR."

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